

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OZARK, ALABAMA
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Ozark, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 7, 2015. Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Billy Blackwell, Mayor
 Frank Garrett, Councilmember, Place No. 1
 Mike Barefield, Councilmember, Place No. 2
 Winston T. Jackson, Councilmember, Place No. 3
 Anthony Hill, Councilmember, Place No. 5

Absent: Andy Gilland, Councilmember, Place No. 4

Also present: Deborah Bruggink, who acted as clerk of the meeting, Marlos Walker, Steve Sketo, Steve Price, Steve Sherrill, Larry Minton, Denise Strickland, Jonathan Cordell, Frankey Peterman, Alison Miller, Pat Dexter, Stephanie Blankenship, Denise Ellis and Joe Adams.

Councilmember Barefield gave the prayer followed by Mayor Blackwell leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council having read the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 16, 2015 and the Special Meeting held on June 30, 2015, President Pro-Tem Jackson asked the wishes of the Council. Councilmember Hill moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 16, 2015 and the Special Meeting held on June 30, 2015, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Pro-Tem Jackson advised the Council it was time to set the Agenda and if there were any changes to be made. Councilmember Garrett made a motion to set the Agenda with the removal of the Downtown Redevelopment Authority Board Appointment, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Barefield. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Barefield introduced a resolution declaring properties a Public Nuisance, 140 Marioneth Drive with a Public Hearing to be held on August 4, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Councilmember Barefield then made a motion to approve the Resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Hill introduced a resolution to enter into and execute an agreement with ALDOT to maintain signs, markings and legends due to Railroad Crossing Improvements on Marvin Parker Road (Project No. RHCH-RR16). Councilmember Hill then made a motion to approve the Resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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Airport Manager Stephanie Blankenship presented the application amount for the Airport Improvements for FY2015. The amount was \$702,704.00, with the Federal portion totaling \$632,434.00 and the State and Local Match totaling \$35,000.00 each. Ms. Blankenship also presented the bid tabulation recommendation for Wiregrass Construction Co. with the base bid totaling \$396,889.58 plus alternate 1 to remove and replace fencing for \$28,794.50 and alternate 2 for earthwork on the apron for \$170,802.50. The alternate 3 for paving the apron would be re-bid under the Airport Improvement Grant next year. Councilmember Garrett made a motion to award the bid to Wiregrass Construction for the base bid and alternates 1 and 2 and authorize the Mayor to make application to ALDOT (Aeronautics Bureau) for Airport Improvements FY 2015, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Director of Public Works Steve Price presented Alan Parker from Praestare Engineering who explained that six contractors received bids and the notice of the project was advertised in the Southern Star. The City received only one bid response from Gencon and Associates for \$63,833.00 plus two contingencies. Councilmember Hill made a motion to award the bid for Coby Drive pipe replacement to Gencon & Associates, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

City Clerk/CFO Debbie Bruggink presented information on the Holman House paint bids. The lowest bidder had not provided the City a Certificate of Insurance and the other two bidders' quotes exceeded the Wiregrass RC&D grant of \$40,000.00 plus the Ozark Heritage Association pledge of \$8,000.00. The recommendation is to reject the bids and rebid and request pricing for each side of the Holman House. President Pro-Tem Jackson asked the wishes of the Council regarding the Bid Tabulation on the Holman House Exterior Painting. Councilmember Barefield made a motion to reject the bid tabulation, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

City Clerk/CFO Debbie Bruggink presented bank quotes for financing new city vehicles. The Commercial Bank's quote of 1.59% for a 48 month loan or 1.74% for a 60 month loan was the lowest quote received from four local banks. The proposed financing would be split since the police vehicles and the automated garbage truck are currently available on dealer lots. The Council approved the purchase of two ambulances at the June 16, 2015 Council Meeting which have an estimated delivery of 120-150 days from the order date. The estimated monthly payment for the two ambulances is \$3,964.19 and the annual payment is \$44,577.46. The estimated monthly payment for the police vehicles and garbage truck is \$14,188.55 and the annual payment is \$170,262.63. The ambulance payments will come from the EMS Fund and the police vehicles will come from the General Fund. Councilmember Garrett made a motion to allow financing to be made with Commercial Bank, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Chief Marlos Walker stated that the purchase of the 12 police vehicles would replace approximately one third of the fleet. Public Works Director Steve Price stated that the purchase of one automated garbage truck will replace the 2008 truck that was paid off in November 2013. President Pro-Tem Jackson asked the wishes of the Council regarding the purchase of 12 police vehicles and 1 automated garbage truck. Councilmember Hill made a motion to approve the request, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

City Clerk/CFO Debbie Bruggink presented information on the bidders who would provide the Records Management System for the Police Department. The low bidder was Southern Software, Inc. at \$41,512.00. The payment for the software will be split between fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16. Police Chief Marlos Walker provided the list of features of the software. Councilmember Garrett then made a motion to approve the request, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Barefield. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

City Clerk/CFO Debbie Bruggink and Fire Training Captain Pat Dexter presented that the Houston County EMA received a Federal Homeland Security Grant for regional disaster preparedness and the City of Ozark was eligible for approximately \$30,000.00. A request to purchase confined space rescue equipment from Sunbelt Fire for the Fire Department was presented to the Council. If the equipment is ordered, received and paid for by the end of July the City will be reimbursed by September 30, 2015. Councilmember Barefield made a motion to approve the request, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Pro-Tem informed the Council that there was a vacancy on the Library Board. Councilmember Hill recommended that Miriam Jenkins be appointed to the Library Board, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Pro-Tem Jackson informed the Council that a copy of the Financial Report was located in their folders for their review.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of July 7, 2015, Councilmember Garrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Presiding Officer

City Clerk